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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Commissioner:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated July 24, 2001, applicants hereby elect Group I, claims 1-46, 50-56, 59, and 60, for examination at this time.

In view of the above election, applicants hereby cancel claims 47-49, 57, and 58 without prejudice to the filing of any divisional, continuation, or continuation-in-part application. Consideration of the elected claims is now requested.

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